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Re:

New U.S. Patent Application

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING SCALABLE SECURITY IN A VIRTUAL

PRIVATE NETWORK

Inventors: Germano CARONNI et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application 41 pages, including 7 independent claims and 45 claims total.
- 2. Drawings 11 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-10).

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § §1.53(b) and 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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No filing fee is being paid at this time. With the exception of the filing fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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